### PROVISION OF WAR REVENUE LAW

Brief Filed in a Porto Rican

## THE VALIDITY OF DIVORCES

In the United States Supreme Court an opinion was hanged down today in the case of Fairbank against the United States. The case involved the constitutionality of the provision of the war revenue law imposing a tax upon expert bills of lading. The court decided against the government, holding that provision of the law unconstitutional. The opinion was handed down by Justice Brewer, and Justices Harlan, Gray, White and McKenna dissented.

#### Must Move Its Lamp Posts.

Justice White handed down the opinion of the court in the case of the St. Paul Gaslight Company against the city of St. Paul. Minn., in the matter of the proceeding of the city to compel the gas company to remove its posts in view of the introduction of electric lighting. The company resisted the city's demand on the ground that the ordinance requiring removal was an im-pairment of contract. The case was decided in favor of the city, in that it was dismissed for want of jurisdiction. Justice White also remarked that the ordinance es not necessarily effect a breach of con-

#### Validity of Divorce Decrees.

The court decided a number of cases involving the validity in one state of divorce decrees granted in other states. The court held practically that in cases in which the decree is granted in states where the husband and wife have made their legal residence it is valid in any part of the United States, but that in other cases in which there is no legal residence in the state in which the decree is granted they are in-valid. The opinions were handed down by Justice Gray, and involved the cases of Atherton against Atherton, Bell against Bell and Streilwolf against Streilwolf.

#### A Brief in a Porto Rican Case.

Mr. Charles A. Gardiner asked leave to file a motion in the De Lima case, one of the Porto Rican cases which are now pending in the United States Supreme Court, and were argued there some time since. He stated that his brief was in support of the government contention of the right to levy a duty in connection with commerce between the United States and Porto Rico, and that he appeared as the representative of the New England Tobacco Company. He stated at the same time that he had the consent of the opposing counsel to present the document. Mr. Hoyt, representing the government, expressed fear that if the brief ould be filed it would call for replies Mr. Gardiner said he could not understand why the government should object to the filing of a brief which might save the case for it. The chief justice told Mr. Gardiner that he could hand the brief to the clerk.

#### Appeal From Hawaiian Court.

The court, through Chief Justice Fuller. issued an order granting leave to file a motion for a rule against the circuit court of appeals for the ninth circuit to permit the filing of an appeal in that court from a decision of the supreme court of Hawaii in the Wilders Steamship Company case. The rule was made returnable May 13. Prior to this action a rule was promulgated attaching the territory of Hawaii to the ninth circuit, with headquarters at San Francisco.

The court today granted the motion to Deputy Marshal Lacey found him suspend-

dvance the hearing in the case of the Rio Grande dam and set it for the third

#### PEARL AND CORAL FISHERIES. Monopoly Will Be Sold by lombia.

The Colombian government has decided to sell the exclusive right to work the pearl and coral fisheries in Colombian waters to the highest bidder for a term of fifteen years, according to information received at the State Department from United States Consul General Gudger at Panama. For a century past the small group of is-

lands fifty miles south of Panama known as the "Pearl Islands," have been famous for their remarkable yield of pearls and coral. Very valuable finds are not common, yet sometimes pearls of great worth are discovered. The consul general cites diving in shallow water a couple of years ago, for want of something better to do, upon a pearl which he sold to a local dealer for \$4,000 silver, or \$1,760 in sold it in Panama City for \$4,400 in gold, and its present ownoffer of \$6,000 gold for it.

Those who worked the pearl-laden waters rmerly paid a percentage on their finds, later an annual tax, and now the government has decided to sell the exclusive right to one concern.

### A Light Draught Hospital Ship.

The need recently has been felt in the Philippines for a hospital ship of light draught, able to enter the more shallow harbors of the island which the hospital ship Relief cannot traverse. A vessel of that character could not be obtained at Hong Kong, so the matter was referred to War Department by General MacArthur, and Secretary Root has authorized a board of officers to inspect the Terry, now lying idle at the New York yard, and see she comes to the requirements. is found suitable she will be promptly sent to the Philippines.

### Gen. Butterfield Paralyzed.

Gen. Daniel F. Butterfield was stricken with paralysis in his home, No. 616 5th avenue, New York city, Friday night. This followed an attack of aphasia earlier in the day. Dr. Castle of No. 51 West 58th street, who is attending the general, said last night that he was in no immediate danger and was resting easy.

Gen. Butterfield was chairman of the Dewey celebration committee more than a year ago. A few weeks before the date set was stricken with aphasia, but recov ered without apparent ill-effects.

The attack of paralysis which followed the second attack Friday has affected his entire right side, and his condition is more dangerous now than it was at the time of

### Post Office Safe Blown Open.

W. E. Cochran, chief post office inspector, was advised this morning that the post office at Washington, Ind., was entered by thieves last night, the safe blown open and a quantity of stamps stolen. The Post Of-Department has not been advised as to the amount of the loss. It is announced in the dispatch that the thieves overlooked

#### Prominent Actors Arrested. Dan Daly, De Wolf Hopper and William

A. Brady were arrested in New York city last night charged with violation of the penal code in connection with the raising and lowering of curtains for a theatrical performance on Sunday.

The men are charged with having pr duced a burlesque on "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at a vaudeville performance at the Academy of Music, De Wolf Hopper having played the imitation of Uncle Tom. All three were released on ball.

### Executive Meeting Held.

The monthly meeting of the board of children's guardians was held at its office, 472 Louisiana avenue, Saturday, the meeting being, it is stated, an executive one. A special meeting is announced for Wednesday next.

Vacancy Will Occur This Month-Dis-

trict Attorney Anderson Talked

of as Successor.

for the consideration of certain important

make upon the subject at this time.

MANY HURT IN A WRECK.

Train Goes Through Trestle at Point

Pleasant, W. Va.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 15 .- A special

telegram to the Dispatch from Gallipolis,

A fast south-bound train went through a

temporary trestle this afternoon at Point

Many persons are reported to have been

Point Pleasant is on the Ohio river and

DECLINES TO ACCEPT PAY.

Reciprocity Commissioner.

procity treaties with foreign governments

has practically made it impossible for him

to render any service to the government.

pressed his willingness, however, to re-

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Himself in Police Court Cell.

was cut down before his condition was se-

Buchanan is alleged to have escaped

from the Maryland house of correction

He was arrested here Saturday by Police-

severe fight that the officer succeeded in

landing him behind the bars. Buchanan's

relatives objected to his being returned to

Maryland and had physicians examine him

doctors, it is stated, reported him to be of

sound mind, and today he was taken to the

After his narrow escape from death to-

day he was taken to the court house to be given a hearing before Chief Justice

Bingham, on an application for his return

FATHER MCMAHON DEAD.

The Aged Priest Passes Away at the

Catholic University.

Monsignor Joseph McMahon died this

morning at the Catholic University, after

an illness of about four weeks. He had

reached the advanced age of eighty-four,

and his death was due to the weakness of

old age. Arrangements for the funeral will

be made upon the return to the city of Rev.

While not officially connected with the

university Father McMahon had made

his home there for the past eight years, in

fact, ever since he came to this city. Prior

to his making his home here Father Mc-

Mahon, who was born in Ireland, spent

York city, where he was connected with

He had large property interests and gave

himself for the erection of McMa-

liberally to the university, furnishing the

hon Hall, the second principal building of

This gift alone represented \$250,000. On

onsiderable property interests in this city.

K STREET HOUSE SOLD.

Probable Future Improvement - May

Be an Apartment House.

northwest, formerly the home of the late

Justice Jackson of the United States Su-

preme Court, has been sold. It is not

stated who is the purchaser, but it is un-

derstood that it is the purpose to erect

there an apartment house. The purchase

includes the vacant ground to the east of

the house, which is of the same dimensions

The entire frontage of the property is fifty feet, and the depth to an alley 147 feet.

It is understood the price paid is about

MRS. MUIR ENTERS A CONTEST.

Not Satisfied With Provisions of Mrs.

McPherson's Will.

NEW YORK, April 15.-Marshall Van

Winkle, as attorney, has filed an appeal in

Jersey City from the action of Surrogate

James Lillis in admitting to probate the

will of the late Mrs. McPherson, wife of

The appeal is filed in behalf of Mrs. Dr.

Joseph Muir, only daughter of the de-

ceased, who contests the will, by which she

s to receive only the life income of the

Retired as Rear Admiral.

Captain J. McGowan has been placed or

the retired list with the rank of rear ad-

miral. Admiral McGowan broke down in

health while commanding the monitor

Monadnock on the Asiatic station several

months ago, and has since had a short term of service in command of the naval station at Key West, but was unable to

The Industrial Commission.

No witnesses appeared before the indus

Senator John R. McPherson.

is the lot where the house is located.

\$30,000.

The residence known as 1311 K street

most of his life in this country in

St. Patrick's Church.

Mr. Conaty, the rector of the university.

to the Maryland authorities.

to report upon his mental condition. The

Theodore Buchanan, colored, nineteen

next session of the Senate.

last week.

Police Court.

the Kanawha and Michigan railroad.

Pleasant, W. Va., four miles above here.

local cases pending.

Judge Cole's successor.

phans' Court.

Ohio, says:

injured.

HE WILL ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN THIS CITY.

TROUBLE AT VERGENNES, VERMONT

The resignation of Associate Justice C. C. Cole of the Supreme Court of the District Farmers' National Bank in Hands of Columbia has been placed in the hands of the President, to take effect this month, of Government Examiner. probably about the 22d. Judge Cole resigns to engage in the practice of law, and will also probably be made a special at-

torney in the office of the District attorney DOORS CLOSED TODAY

Judge Cole's action was entirely volun-VERGENNES, Vt., April 15.-Cashler D. tary and was a surprise to his friends, in H. Lewis of the Farmers' National Bank of view of the denial a week ago of a rumor this city was arrested today on a charge that he would resign.
It is understood that District Attorney of misappropriating the funds of the institution. The bank did not open for business Thomas Anderson is likely to be appointed this morning.

When asked about his resignation today. Bank Examiner Fish, who was in charge Judge Cole said he had no statement to of the bank, explained that it could not be told whether the doors would be opened or Judge Cole is one of the most popular judges on the District bench. Lately he has been sitting in Criminal Court No. 2, not until Receiver Sullivan of Washington should reach here some time today. Mr. having been for a long while prior to that assignment in charge of Circuit Court No. 1. Judge Cole has also been sitting in Or-Lewis was taken into custody at the home of his married daughter, with whom he lived in apartments over the bank. Mr. He was appointed an associate justice of Lewis expressed some surprise when the the Supreme Court of the District of Co-lumbia in 1893, being sworn in February marshal announced his errand, but was of the opinion that he could secure bondsmen 11 of that year, before Chief Justice Bing-

The controller of the currency has appointed J. T. Sullivan of his office a temporary receiver for the Farmers' National Bank of Vergennes, Vt. Bank Examiner Frank L. Fish, during an examination of the bank April 3, discovered a shortage in the cash, and a further investigation, which has been conducted by Special Examiner John B. Cunningham, indicates a total emspecial by the cashier, D. H. Lewis, of \$90,000. After the discovery of the defalcation the examiner secured the return of \$25,000 to the bank. Until a more complete investigation into the acts of the cashier is made it is impossible to state what loss, if any, will accrue to the depositors. It is not believed, however, that the loss to the depositors will be large.

The last published statement of the con-

Attitude of John A. Kasson, Special dition of the bank bears date of February 5. According to this statement the deposits Mr. John A. Kasson of Iowa, special recithen amounted to an aggregate of about \$68,000. The rediscounts and the bills payprocity commissioner of the United States, able aggregated \$16,000. It is believed the declines to accept any compensation from statement was inaccurate in several items. The capital of the bank is \$60,000 and its the government on the ground that the failure of Congress to act on recent recisurplus \$6,000.

#### HAS NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION. Chief Arthur Discusses the Reported

He was appointed to office immediately af-Settlement on Jersey Central. ter the passage of the Dingley tariff law, CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 15.-Grand and negotiated commercial treaties with Chief Arthur of the Brotherhood of Loco-France, Great Britain, Argentina, Nicaramotive Engineers stated today that he had gua, Ecuador and other countries, for which received no official information concernhas been compensated at the rate of \$10,000 a year. The failure of Congress to act on any of ing the reported settlement of the grievances of the engineers and firemen on the the treaties induced him to tender his Central Railroad of New Jersey. "If the resignation some time ago. The Presinewspaper reports are true," said Mr. dent, however, declined to accept it, and at his personal request Mr. Kasson has Arthur, "and the engineers and firemen remained in office. There is comparatively little or nothing for him to do, and he have settled, leaving the trainmen and telegraphers to shift for themselves, a does not feel that he can conscientiously accept any remuneration. He has exgreat mistake has been made. The chiefs of the five organizations represented on the ume his duties in connection with the road entered into a written agreement to work together in the matter. In other words, all the organizations were to be reciprocity treatles in the event that there is any prospect of favorable action at the included in any adjustment of grievances. As a result of this agreement the engineers and firemen could not honorably set-tle without the consent of the other or-Theodore Buchanan Tries to Hang

A meeting of representatives of the trainmen and telegraphers employed on the northern division of the Central Railroad of years old, attempted suicide today by hang-New Jersey was held at Ashley, Pa., last night. It is said there was considerable dissatisfaction expressed over the terms of ing himself with his trousers while desettlement of the threatened strike by the ed from the crossbars of his cell door. He conference in New York.

The brakemen and telegraphers feel that their interests have been sacrificed for the benefit of some of the other employes, the engineers in particular. Unless the telegraphers receive some concessions from the railroad officials this week, the leaders say, here will be a strike, in which they claim nan Bremmerman, and it was only after a trainmen and operators will take another vote on the situation. It is hardly probable, however, that the telegraphers and brakemen will undertake a strike on their own account.

### WANT AN AMERICAN GUARD.

Li Hung Chang Asks That Capt. Tillson Remain at Pekin.

PEKIN, April 15 .- Li Hung Chang has applied to General Chaffee to leave behind when he departs Captain Tillson and a sufficient number of men to police the Chinese city, as the Chinese earnestly desire their retention, fearing that the district will not he well looked after when controlled by other foreigners.

An expedition consisting of 5,000 German and 3,000 French troops will leave Pao-ting Fu tomorrow to drive from the province several thousand Chinese who refuse to obey the order of Li Hung Chang to keep the boundaries already arranged.

### WILL USE IRON LABELS. Names of Trees and Plants to Be

Permanently Placed. The Agricultural Department is taking an active interest in the suggestion which has been made from time to time that the trees and shrubs in the public parks and spaces in Washington be labeled, and has taken the initiative in the matter. In no other city in the United States, it is said, is there such a variety of beautiful plants, especially trees, as is to be found in Washing-

account of his benefactions he was shown special honors by the pope. His wealth was reported to be very large, and he had in the Agricultural Department grounds, and at all times visitors may be seen studying them. Mr. Galloway, director of plant industry in that department, has been giving this matter thought for some time. chiefly with a view of securing a label that would be comparatively inexpensive, yet asting and legible, and has, after a numiron label. The face of the label will be black, while the letters will be white. The leg to the point where it enters the ground makes a handsome label and one that can as rapidly as the labels can be prepared will be put out on the grounds, so that every plant and shrub can be determined In all cases the common name is to be in large prominent letters, while the Latin

equivalent will appear in smaller type. The grass gardens on the grounds, which are under the care of Mr. F. Lamson-Scriber, and which contain a collection of some of the best grasses, will have each plat repared in such a way as to show the grass it contains to advantage and each

grass will have a label.

Mr. Geo. B. Sudworth, dendrologist of the Agricultural Department, is the auhority for the nomenclature of the trees while the immediate work of labeling will be in charge of Mr. Geo. W. Oliver, formerly of the Botanic Gardens, but now a member of the Agricultural Department staff. Mr. Galloway expects to complete the work during the coming summer, when all doubtful shrubs can be determined as soon as they come into flower,

### S. M. Brice Ordered to Jail.

NEW YORK, April 15 .- The Ludlow street ail is specified as the prison in which Councilman Stewart M. Brice is to spend ten days for contempt of court. This order was prepared Saturday and will be presented for the signature of Justice Scott of the supreme court tomorrow. The order provides that Mr. Brice shall pay a fine of

#### Fatal Runaway Accident. MARSHALL, Mich., April 15.-In a runaway accident at Burlington village Saturday night Mrs. Wm. Dunlap was killed and

trial commission today, the time being de-Mrs. Geo. Cole fatally injured. Mrs. Dunlap jumped from the vehicle and struck on her head, fracturing the skull and breaking her neck. Mrs. Cole was injured internally when the carriage was overturned. voted to an executive session. President J. S. Harris of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad is expected to testify tomorrow.

# COLE RESIGNS D. H. LEWIS ARRESTED

Bank Cashier's Account Said to Be \$90,000 Short.

TO STOP OFFERS OF PREMIUMS. Publishers Asked to Give Their Views

on a Proposed Postal Regulation. Edwin C. Madden, third assistant post master general, sent out Saturday night a circular letter andressed to four hundred publishers of newspapers and periodicals of unquestioned standing asking their opin-ion of a plan evolved by him, the purpose of which is to prevent certain abuses of the pound-rate privilege, of which postal HIS APPLICATION APPROVED TODAY authorities have long complained.

In the circular referred to the third as-

a departmental rule be regarded as injur-

ious to legitimate newspapers and period-icals, which will stop absolutely all pre-

mlum inducements, direct or indirect, and of

whatever character, for subscriptions? In

other words, after a publisher has fixed a price on his publication, any bonus or premium given to the subscriber, or any

UNDERVALUATION DECISION.

Court of Appeals.

court of appeals in New York partially sus-

Swiss embroideries. The court did not,

however, decide the main point at issue-

whether the Secretary of the Treasury has

the right and power to direct the collector

member of the board of general appraisers

against his judgment, as the Secretary did

in this case. The government is not dis-couraged by the decision, but would like

to have seen the main point decided.

This was the case in which the treasury

and Collector Bidwell differed as to the

valuation of Swiss embroideries. On behalf of the government James T. Dubois, consul general at St. Gallen, Switzerland, did excellent work in establishing the value of the goods made there. Mr. Dubois of the goods made there.

bois got temporary possession of a man-ufacturing establishment in Switzerland. He reported that certain classes of the goods could not be made at the mills at

the prices they were invoiced at New York

HAT TRIMMINGS CASES.

Not Known How Much the Govern ment Will Have to Pay.

The attention of the treasury officials to-

day was called to the dispatch from Phila-

delphia to the effect that the famous "hat

trimmings" cases were being settled, with

the result that the \$20,000,000 claimed by

the importers had been cut down to about

Assistant Secretary Spaulding said that

these cases had been in process of settle-

ment by the courts for a long time, and he

had understood that the end was drawing

near, but he did not know how much the

government would be compelled to refund

to the importers. The amount claimed,

however, he said was far in excess of the actual figures. The cases before the New York courts had been settled and paid from time to time during the last several months, and the Philodelphia cases, he

cases arose under the tariff act of 1883. Goods classed by imparters as "hat trim-mings," dutlable at 20 per cent, were ap-

praised by the government as dress goods, etc., which, under the tariff act, were as-

sessed at 50 per cent. The larger duty was paid under protest; and the proceedings

at once begun in the courts to compel a refund, with the result that although the

government has not compromised a single

rics have decided against the importer and

total amount to be paid by the government

will be but a fraction of the amount

Naval Orders.

Commander W. Goodwin has been or-

Lieutenant A. L. Norton, from the Ma-

Assistant Engineer W. S. Smith, retired,

from the Cavite station to the Oregon.

Passed Assistant Surgeon N. J. Black-

wood, from the naval hospital. Philadel-

Philadelphia by Passed Assistant Surgeo

L. Morris, relieved from duty at the Naval

Cadet W. McEntree, from the Vicksburg

Cadet W. B. Ferguson, from the Frolic

Army Orders.

Col. Richard I. Eskridge, 27th Infantry,

has been directed to report to Brig. Gen.

Bates, paymaster general, United States

army, president of the army retiring board

appointed to meet at the War Department

Maj. George Ruhlen, quartermaster,

Seattle, Wash., to Vancouver barracks, on

department in connection with the ship-

Maj. Palmer G. Wood, 28th Infantry, has

been relieved from duty at Fort Sheridan.

Ill., and ordered to join his regiment at

Capt. Ralph R. Stogsdall, 30th Infantry,

ered to Indianapolis, Ind., for recruiting

Capt. Jefferson D. Poindexter, assistant

and surgeon in the army, by reason of dis ability incident to the service, his retire

ment by the President from active service

as a major has been announced, to take

effect from the 13th instant, at which tim

he would have been promoted if he had

First Lieut. Earle D'A. Pearce, artillery

corps, United States army, has been trans

ferred from the 13th Battery, Field Artillery, to the 16th Battery, Field Artillery

ment at the Army and Navy General Hos-

pital. Hot Springs, Ark., and ordered to

join his new battery. Capts. William H. Bean and William H.

Hart of the subsistence department have been ordered to examination for promo-

tachment at Sandy Hook proving grounds, has been detailed for duty in connection

with the War Department exhibit at th

Pan-American exposition.
Captain William B. Summerall, assistant

Captain William B. Summeran, assistant surgeon, United States volunteers, recently appointed, will be relieved from duty in Cuba as soon as possible, from which place he will proceed to San Francisco, Cal., for

transportation to the Philippines for as-

signment to duty. Captain Hollis C. Clark, 24th Infantry, has been ordered to San Francisco for ex-

amination before the army retiring board, of which Major General Shafter is presi-

Gen. Weston's Probable Successor.

Lieut. Col. Henry G. Sharpe of the sub-

sistence department, who was recently pro-

moted to the grade of colonel of that de-

partment, is the principal assistant to Gen.

Weston, commissary general, and on the retirement of that officer will probably succeed him at the head of the subsistence

Train Goes Over Embankment.

CUMBERLAND, Md., April 15 .- A freight

train struck a rock which had rolled down

on the track of the West Virginia Central

and Pittsburg railway at Chaffee, forty-

three miles south of Cumberland, last

night, and ten cars were hurled over an embankment and broken to pieces. Brake-man J. P. Porter of Cumbertand was fatal-

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

department.

He has been relieved from further

on sick leave at Amboy, Ill., has been of

for examination by the board.

ment of supplies to Alaska.

been found qualified.

Vancouver barracks, Washington.

the Alliance, being relieved at

Passed Assistant Surgeon N. J.

dered to the Washington navy yard for

Lieutenant Commander W. D. Rose

in others against the government.

ordnance instruction.

nila home.

Academy.

to the Oregon.

to the Oregon.

assigned to the Norfolk vard.

thought, had many of them been paid.

\$4,000,000.

of the port to appeal from a decision of a

sistant postmaster general says:

class rates on postage.

**RETIRES ON PENSION** Chief Parris of Fire Department

Voluntarily Relinquishes Office.

Speculation Regarding the Ap-"In the judgment of those addressed, will pointment of His Successor.

LONG TERM OF SERVICE

combination with another thing except a second-class publication, shall vitiate that Mr. Joseph Parris, chief engineer of the subscription in its relation to the second-District fire department, this afternoon ap-"Circulations running into the thousands, and into the millions, have been built up plied to the Commissioners for retirement, to take effect May 1, 1901, and his request by this premium process, for publications which, upon actual merit, could command no public patronage whatever. Such 'subscriptions,' except in an occasional inwas granted, the Commissioners allowing him, upon the motion of Commissioner Macfarland, who has immediate supervision stance where some actually meritorious of the department, a pension of \$100 a publication employs the plan, represent in no literal sense a public interest in the lit-erature, or in the news, to which it is claimed such publications are devoted." month. The Commissioners also granted a request of Chief Parris that he be granted leave of absence until his retirement takes effect, the first leave of absence he ever had. Meantime First Assistant Chief Wm. T. Belt will act as chief engineer.

Government Sustained by U. S. Circuit In submitting his application for retirement, Chief Parris stated that he has The Treasury Department has received served the District for thirty-three years notification that in a decision recently in the fire department, saving life and handed down the United States circuit property, and explained to Mr. Macfarland, to whom he handed the application, that tained the government in the rather noted the day upon which he retires he will comcase involving alleged undervaluation in



plete his fifteenth year as chief of the de-partment. He thanked the Commissioner for his consideration of him, remarking that he retires with the kindest and most grateful feeling for every one connected with the District government. It appears that the chief wished to submit his applithat the chief wished to submit his appli-cation about a week ago, but that Com-missioner Macfarland, upon learning of it, equested him to wait at least a week onger, and give the matter more mature consideration

Mr. Parris explained to the Commissioner that he felt that, having given the best part of his life to service in the department, he had now reached a time when he should retire from active service and rest for the remainder of his days. He stated that he is yet in excellent health, adding that his application for retirement was an entirely voluntary matter. Mr. Macfarland told the chief that his application was, as he said, entirely voluntary, and assured him that, had he so desired, he could have remained at the head of the department as long as he (Macfarland) remained Com-

#### Commissioner's Indorsement. After moving that the application be

granted and the chief be allowed a pension of \$100 a month, the maximum amount authorized by law, Commissioner Macfar- seven two-story brick flats, \$15,000. "I desire to record my appreciation of the long and faithful service of Chief Engineer Parris in the fire department, and to say that I believe he well deserves the honorable retirement which he now voluntarily seeks." Mr. Macfarland, in referring to the matter later, stated that the chief's application was entirely voluntary and permitted the Commissioners to allow vell-deserving a public servant to rest the remainder of his days upon so comfortable that the chief would not retire for some time, and for that reason, he explained, he has given the question of his successor no consideration.

Commissioner Macfarland has been credted, since the retirement of Chief Parris was first mentioned several weeks ago, with the belief that the fire department should have an executive head as well as a firefighting head, and by some people he is ex-pected to so recommend to his associates. It can be stated upon the best of authority, however, that Mr. Macfarland has not reached such a determination. Should he head, it is quite generally believed that that man will be First Assistant Chief Belt. Third Assistant Chief Frank J. Wagner has been mentioned as likely to succeed Parris, but it is understood his friends will not antagonize Mr. Belt in the matter, but will urge his appointment as the latter's successor in event of Mr. Belt's promotion.

### Native of District.

Chief Parris is a native of this city, hav-United States army, has been ordered from ing been born in the old first ward (West End) in December, 1835. He was educated business pertaining to the quartermaster's in the schools of that section-public and private. While learning the trade of plasterer he became a follower of the old-time fire companies, running with the old Union company, of which he became a member when he reached the required age, and subsequently he united with the old Western Hose Company and was for years one of the most active of the volunteers. April, 1861, he enlisted in the Henderson Guards, Captain G. J. L. Foxwell, serving surgeon, United States army, having been found physically disqualified when examined for promotion for duties of a major the Union in the three months' service.

April 1, 1867, Chief Parris entered the ment, which then consisted of but three der) companies, with but three men exclumen, who were privileged to work at other quire their services.

He was driver of No. 1 Company, of which Mr. W. W. Goddard was foreman, for about a year, when he resigned and re-turned to his trade. About two years later he re-entered the department, and in was made foreman of No. 1 Engine Company. Upon the retirement of Chief Cron-in, May 1, 1886, Mr. Parris was placed in charge of the department. Since then as participated in all the important fires, giving intelligent direction to the improved was a mere runner in the excitement incient to the fire alarms of old. He will have the satisfaction, when he severs his connection with the department, of being n command of a force of fourteen engine over 250 men. There are also in the department a water tower, a combination wagon, four fuel wagons, two supply wagons, two reserve engines, two reserve hose carriages, four buggies (one reserve)

#### TO SEE THE OHIO LAUNCHED. The Buckeye Representatives in Con

gress Going to the Pacific. Arrangements for the trip of the Ohio delegation in the House of Representatives to San Francisco upon the occasion of the launching of the battle ship Ohio are practically completed. The delegation will leave Cincinnati at 11:30 a.m. May 7 for New Orleans, whence they will proceed to San Francisco over the Southern Pacific. San Francisco over the Southern Pacific. After the launching they will go north to Portland and Seattle, and return over the Northern Pacific, arriving in Columbus about June 1. It is understood that neither Senator Hanna nor Senator Foraker will accompany the party. The representatives who will go are Messrs. Burton, Weaver, Van Voorhees and Kerr.

Steamship Arrivals. At Bremen-Grosser Kurfurst, from New York, via Southampton. At Gibraltar-Trave, from New York for Naples and Genoa

QUESTION RAISED BY SUPERIN-TENDENT OF POLICE.

Sale of Property Under Provisions of Law-The Payment of Storage Charges.

R. J. Tracewell, controller of the treasury, has sent a decision to the District Commissioners upon a question raised by the police department of the District. The controller says:

"I have received by reference from you of the 26th ultimo, an inquiry addressed to you by the major and superintendent of police, on which you request a decision. The question involved is the availability of the appropriation for the 'emergency fund' of the District of Columbia in payment of storage charges on certain abandoned prop-"It appears that some time ago a deputy

United States mashal, in compliance with an order issued by the Supreme Court of the Disrtict of Columbia, dispossessed the occupants of a house in this city and placed their household effects on the sidewalk. where they remained for several days, an obstruction to a public thoroughfare, and, it is claimed, a menace to public health. The police endeavored to get the interested parties to remove the furniture, but without success, and it was finally taken charge of by the police as abandoned property and delivered to the property clerk of the met-ropolitan police district in accordance with section 409, Revised Statutes, United States, relating to the District of Columbia, who placed it in a storage warehouse, as the store rooms of the department were filled. The owner of the property having been found, efforts were made to get her to reclaim and remove the same, but so far she has failed to do so.

#### Sale at Public Auction. "Pursuant to section 417 of the Revised

Statutes of the United States, relating to the District of Columbia, the property, unless sooner claimed, will be sold at public auction on May 1, and the proceeds paid into the policemen's fund. Certain charges for storage having become due, it is suggested that they may be paid from the appropriation contained in the act of June 6, 1900 (31 Stat., 573): "To be expended only 1900 (31 Stat., 573): "To be expended only in case of emergency, such as riot, pestilence, public insanitary conditions, calamity by flood or fire and of like character, and in all cases of emergency not otherwise sufficiently provided for, \$8,000."

"I do not think this appropriation can lawfully be used in payment of storage charges arising in the manner above set forth. No emergency creating public in-

forth. No emergency creating public in-sanitary conditions appears to have arisen which could not be met by the removal of the property from the sidewalk by the or-dinary machinery of the police department. The cost of storage growing out of the owner's failure to redeem the same should be borne by the owner, if the prop-erty is reclaimed, or by the property, if it is sold as abandoned property. If, mean-while, any cost for storage has arisen which must be paid before the reclamation or sale of the property it would, I think, be proper to pay the same from the con-tingent expenses of the police department, subject to reimbursement of that appropriation when the property is reclaimed or

#### Building Permits.

The following building permits were issued today by the inspector of buildings: J. Fraser, 2d and C streets southwest, stand, \$20; Roth & Ruppert, 1316 6th street, repair weather boards, \$30; Wm. Miller, 1200 Maryland avenue northeast, bay window, repairs, etc., \$1,300; Miss L. E. Hill, dow, repairs, etc., \$1,300; Miss L. E. Hill, 1011 12th street, repair shed, \$15; Geo. E. Knight, 1738 L street, repair fuel shed, \$5; Geo. E. Potter, 1312 Roanoke street, Columbia Heights, three-story brick dwelling, \$7,000; H. Kengla, Tunlaw road, south of Wesley Heights, fuel shed, \$20; Edward Whalley, 1218 Georgia avenue southeast, front brick addition, \$1,200; Richard Knight, 220 to 232 Maury place northeast, seven two-story brick flats, \$15,000.

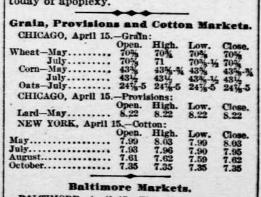
Benjamin Snyder, white, and Jessie Williams, colored, were arrested in Baltimore vesterday afternoon after having passed through this city on a freight train. The woman was in male attire, and Patrolman Debus arrested the couple on suspicion. When the prisoners reached the police station they were seated in the furnace room to permit them to dry their wearing apparel. At the time the arrests were made the man's face and hands contained so much coal dust that the policeman could hardly distinguish his color. He claimed he was ignorant of the sex of his com panion, whom he had met at Cumberland. and the young woman substantiated his

According to her story she is nineteen years of age. She told the police she left St. Louis two weeks ago to go to Chester, Pa., where her mother is dangerously ill. She claimed she walked all the way to Cumberland, where she arrived Saturday. At Cumberland, she says, she met the white man and they traveled together, riding as far as Annapolis Junction on a freight car. The conductor put them off to Baltimore, reaching there in the drenching rain yesterday afternoon. Snyder said he was on his way from Hot

Springs, Arkansas, where he had been for his health, intending to go to New York. He appeared very much surprised when in-

Report of Detective Bureau The quarterly report of Inspector Boardman of the detective bureau for the three months ended the 31st of March, shows a total of 372 arrests and the recovery of property valued at \$7,602.96. Detectives Boyd and Hartigan lead the list so far as the number of arrests is concerned. The former has thirty arrests to his credit, while the latter has twenty-nine. tives Browne and Lacy come next with twenty-nine and twenty-five arrests, respectively, while Detectives Parham and Weedon, twenty-eight and twenty-six, respectively. In the matter of recovering property Detectives Flather and Horne made the best record, recovering \$2,012.96 worth, and each making twenty-five ar-

Noted French General Dead. AUXERRE, Department of Yonne, France, April 15.—Gen. Gras, inventor of the rifle which bears his name, died here



Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, April 15.—Flour dull; western super, \$2.30a\$2.40; do. extra, \$2.45a\$3; do. family, \$3.25a\$3.50; winter wheat patent, \$3.80a\$4; spring wheat patent, \$3.85a\$4.20; spring wheat straight, \$3.85a\$3.95; receipts, 15,170 barrels; exports, 32,294 barrels. Wheat dull and steady; spot and the month, 76%a77; May, 76%a76%; July, 75% asked; steamer No. 2 red, 74%a74½; receipts, 39,789 bushels; exports, 24,000 bushels; southern by sample, 70a77½; do. on grade, 75a77½. Corn dull and steady; spot, the month and May, 46½a46%; steamer mixed, 45½a45%; receipts, 68,959 bushels; exports, 162,171 bushels; southern white corn, 47½a 48; do. yellow, 47½ asked. Oats easier; No. 2 white, 33a33½; No. 2 mixed, 31a31½; receipts, 55,228 bushels; exports, 65,000 bushels. Rye firm; No. 2 nearby, 57; No. 2 western, 58; receipts, 1a32 white, 33a334; No. 2 mixed, 31a314; receipts, 55, 228 bushels; exports, 65,000 bushels. Rye firm; No. 2 mearby, 57; No. 2 western, 58; receipts, 1,033 bushels. Hay firm; No. 1 timothy, \$17.50 bid. Grain freights quiet and steady; steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 2d. April; Cork for orders, per quarter, 2s. 6d. April. Butter firm and unchanged; fancy mitation, 19; fancy reamers, 23; fancy ladde, 15a16; fancy roll, 18a16; store packed, 12a14. Eggs firm; fresh, 13½. Cheese firm and unchanged; large, 11½; medium, 11½; small, 11¾. Sugar firm and unchanged; fine and coarse granulated, 5.45.

# CONTROLLER DECIDES POINT FINANCE AND TRADE

Stocks Were Bullish in Spite of Dearer Money.

BULGE IN AMALGAMATED COPPER

Strong Interests Were Represented Among the Buying Element.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, April 15.-Opening prices

this morning reflected a steady speculative undertone, in spite of an irregular tendency in the active shares. London sent over a higher range of prices, especially for the new steel stocks and Southern Railway preferred. Commission houses were buyers for a time, but later in the day evidence of profit-taking was apparent and the market continued to be irregular, in spite of the advances in the specialties.

The money rate ran up to 6 per cent, but this fact was disregarded as a market influence. Bankers insist that there need be no alarm on this account, but conservative houses continue to advise caution in assuming new market risks. There is no difficulty in carrying stocks as yet, but the money rate is an unwelcome reminder that banking facilities may become exhausted and loans be called at an inopportune mo-The larger interests continue to buy with

a confidence which suggests a knowledge of available funds not as yet publicly disclosed. This display of confidence serves to hold prices and inspires a demand which would be lacking were surface indications of the money market allowed to prevail.

A sensational advance in Amalgamated

Copper was a feature of the opening hour, the price advancing 3 per cent to 120 on sales of 12,500 shares. After a period of profit taking the price was advanced to its best level and well sustained. Rumors of the absorption of new companies and a set-tlement of all past differences with the Clarke companies accompanied the ad-During the afternoon a sharp advance in Chicago Terminal securities carried the common stock over 30 and the preferred to 571/2. The buying was excellent in charac-

ter and higher prices are predicted for both. The advance was very sudden as the result of a scarcity in the floating supply of stock. Several of the largest houses in the street are identified with the movement. American Sugar was marked up during the afternoon by the pool, and several of the older industrials were in good demand also. Colorado Fuel gained 6 per cent un-der aggressive buying, explained by a de-sire to secure control of the company. From the recent buying of the stock it is difficult to determine just how substantial

the movement is, but it has many of the ear marks of a serious attempt to advance the price because of value.

The Traction stocks were advanced subthe Traction stocks were advanced substantially for a time, the principal feature of the group being Metropolitan. The usual holding of Brooklyn Transit between 83 and 84 was recorded. Consolidated Gas was advanced under the prospects for important developments within a day or two.

The price was given excellent support The price was given excellent suppor considering the responsibilities of carrying speculatively a steck selling above 230. The Burlington deal is still in the silent

stage, although evidence that a large block had been bought at private sale tended to confirm the lease project. Rock Island was the subject of much realizing, but was given excellent support. The Southwestern issues were steady, but without special feature.

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